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1. DRAWING ON REFTTEL A, WE DISCUSSED REPUBLIC OF
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CHINA QUESTION AT ADB WITH OSTERHAUS AND SCHULZ

OF FRG AID MINISTRY, NOTING THAT WE WERE RESPONDING TO THE GENERAL COMMENTS OSTERHAUS HAD MADE AS REPORTED BY REFTEL B. OSTERHAUS, WHILE NOTING THAT THE FRG ALSO HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD ARISE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING, SAID HE APPRECIATED BEING BRIEFED ON THE US VIEW.

2. ADDING TO HIS COMMENTS ALREADY REPORTED IN REFTEL B, OSTERHAUS SAID THE FRG WOULD NOT SUPPORT A PRC DEMAND FOCUSING SOLELY ON THE ROC'S EXPULSION. HE SAID THE QUESTION OF PRC MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADB DEPENDS ON THE OBLIGATIONS IT PLEDGES TO FULFILL. AFTER NOTING THE FRG DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WHICH CREATED CERTAIN PROBLEMS FOR THE FRG, HE SAID IT WOULD BE SENSELESS TO EXPEL THE ROC WITHOUT A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM THE PRC COUPLED WITH ASSURANCES THAT THE PRC WOULD FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS.

3. COMMENT: THE FRG, WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OF THE USG'S VIEW, FINDS ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ITS GROWING BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC AT THE SAME TIME THE ROC'S GOOD ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE MULTILATERAL FORUM OF THE ADB PRESENTS A CASE FOR KEEPING THE ROC AS A MEMBER, LOGICALLY, THEREFORE, THE FRG HOPES TO AVOID THIS ENTIRE ISSUE DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING. SHOULD THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE BECOME A MAJOR BONE OF CONTENTION (A SITUATION THE FRG DOES NOT ANTICIPATE), WE EXPECT THAT FRG SUPPORT FOR THE USG POSITION ARGUMENTS ELABORATED UNDER PARA 2 ABOVE.
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